

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3104
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AMENDMENT TO LAWS TO CHECK ENTRY OF GM FOOD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to amend laws to check entry of genetically modified food items in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The entry of genetically modified food items in the country is regulated under Rule 11 of the Rules for the Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-Organisms / Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells 1989, notified under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has prepared a draft notification for amending this Rule so that genetically modified food items are not imported without the approval of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee. However, such approval would not be required if the importer obtains a certificate from the competent authority of the exporting country certifying that the item of import does not contain any material or ingredient that is genetically engineered and is not processed from genetically engineered organisms.